held this view to be wrong. Great benefits to the people had accrued, such as could not be described on the spot with the little time available for the purpose. But one proof might be adduced, *viz.*, the eagerness with which Patels and other large land-holders sought selection as Members of the Assembly and their solicitude to educate their sons where these were illiterate. The Dewan received the address and forwarded it immediately to His Highness the Maharaja, and assured the Assembly of His Highness' great interest in the proceedings of the Meeting and of the gratification His Highness would feel in knowing that the privilege so graciously granted had been so highly appreciated.

CHITALDROOG DISTRICT.

Subject No. 85.
Exemption from Mohatarfa tax of Carts of Agriculturists used for trade.

Summary of discussion.—The carts of agriculturists who also trade, are assessed with Mohatarfa tax. This should not be.

Dewan's reply.—The rules exempt carts which are kept only for *bonâ-fide* agricultural purposes. The exemption cannot be extended.

Subject No. 86.
Exemption from duty of night watch in Towns.

Summary of discussion.—Pepole should be exempted from night watch in towns, a contribution being collected for maintaining an establishment for the purpose.

Dewan's reply.—Orders have recently been issued for dispensing with the duty of night watch by the inhabitants in all Municipalities. These include all towns and even some of the larger villages.

Subject No. 87.
Capacity of small tanks in Davangere Taluk should be increased.

Summary of discussion.—Davangere being a Maidan Taluk, the capacity of small tanks should be increased so as to extend wet cultivation so profitable both to the State and to the raiyats.

Dewan's reply.—Everything possible is being done.

Subject No. 88.
Supersession of earthen mounds by stone Boundary marks and minimum areas for sub-division of Survey numbers at Re-Survey.

Summary of discussion.—At the ensuing revision of the Survey Settlement, the existing earthen mounds for boundary marks should be replaced by stones, as in the Madras Presidency, and survey numbers should be sub-divided so that the sub-divisions in each case may not be less than 20 acres of dry land or 5 acres of wet land.

Dewan's reply.—The change in the nature of boundary marks recommended is undesirable, and the large areas recommended for sub-divisions of survey numbers would give an unfair advantage to rich over poor land-holders. Full liberty is given by the Revenue Rules for sub-division to any extent which the owners may desire.

Subject No. 89.
Restoration of Hosdurga Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There was a Taluk Cutcherry at Hosdurga, from the days of the Pallegars some 300 years ago, and it was abolished a few years ago, and a Sub-Taluk was established here and another at Huliyar. There is no Government Treasury anywhere within a distance of 60 miles, and this being a hilly tract, it is very unsafe to take remittances to Government Treasuries and carry money for trading purposes. The town itself is surrounded by hills on all sides, and the Bidarkere Railway Station is only 9 miles distant from it. Therefore a Taluk Cutcherry should be located here and the Budihal Sammat of the Huliyar Range added on to this Taluk.

Dewan's reply.—It does not seem necessary to establish a Taluk Cutcherry at Hosdurga. The Railway alters existing conditions, and Holalkere is very conveniently situated for the head-quarters of the Taluk.

Subject No. 90.
English School for Hosdurga.

Summary of discussion.—There are many boys at Hosdurga desirous of learning English. An English school should be established there.

Dewan's reply.—The matter should be represented to the Deputy Commissioner, who will report if Municipal Funds permit.

Subject No. 91.
Amildars should have Small Cause powers.

Summary of discussion.—To file suits in Civil cases involving small sums of money, people have to go to Munsiff's Courts at a distance of 50 or 60 miles, which is a great hardship. Therefore, it is suggested that Amildars may be empowered to entertain such suits below Rs. 20.

Dewan's reply.—This was often pressed before on the consideration of Government and it has been decided that Amildars cannot be invested with the functions of a Civil Court. They have already a great deal to do and it is undesirable to recombine Executive and Judicial functions in them as asked for.

Subject No. 92.
Permission to levy octroi in Challakere Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The town of Challakere was formerly a small village. It is now the head-quarters of a Taluk and has been gradually improving, so much so that, the village site has had to be extended for building purposes. It is a rising Town. The Municipal revenue of this Town only amounts to Rs. 336 per annum which is hardly sufficient for the conservancy of the Town, and the repair of the Town roads and drains cannot therefore be attended to as well as could be desired. Again, in the matter of night-watch, the inhabitants of the Town being unable to attend to it themselves, a proposi-